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In Re Application of: Paul H. Burmeister, Charles L. Euteneuer, Brian J. Brown, Paul J. Fordenbacher, Anthony C. Vrba  
Appln No: 08/737,492  
Filing Date: Novembr 18, 1996  
For: IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES  
Examiner: Paul Prebilio  
Group Art: 3738

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Docket No: S63.2-6252

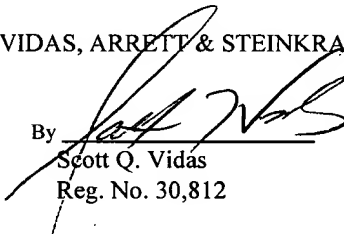
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**4 Pg Response to Final Office Action; VA&S Transmittal Letter; Return Post Card**
- With respect to fees:  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
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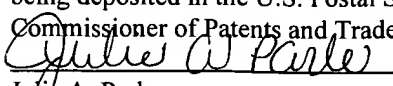
- This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
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